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	In re Application of Hu et al.	
	Application Number 09/854,844	Filed 5/14/2001
	For Novel Human Protease and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same	
	Group Art Unit 1652	Examiner D. Ramirez

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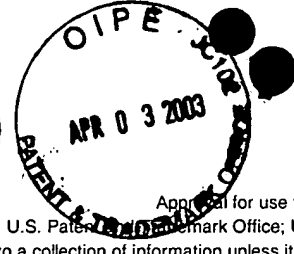
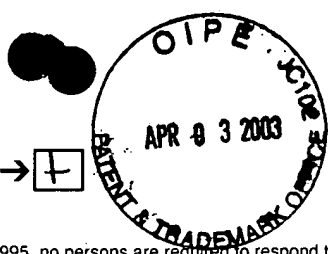
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